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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response to an Office Action mailed June 12, 2009. The amendments and remarks as provided herein are timely filed with the appropriate fees for an extension of time for three months. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and requests allowance of claims pending in their Application for patent.

Provided herewith are the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the Listing of Claims that begin on page two (2);

**Remarks** that begin on page six (6); and

**Conclusion** that begins on page fifteen (15) of this paper.